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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 10 December 1954

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - November

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ADMINISTRATION

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1. As of 30 November the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]

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2. On 12 November, [REDACTED] members of the Clark Committee, visited FDD. Following a briefing by Chief, FDD, they were conducted through the division for additional briefing by each of the branch chiefs.

3. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Clandestine Services Review Course, No. 1, on 17 November.

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4. Chief, FDD, attended three meetings during the month with several agency officials and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] to discuss [REDACTED] proposal for linguistic research leading to the development of an electronic translation machine.

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OPERATIONS

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1. The 39th and 40th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 12 and 29 November, respectively. Western Europe, Latin America, [REDACTED] programs were developed providing for (1) a monthly military, political, and economic report on Western Europe; (2) a semimonthly information report on Latin America; and (3) a monthly report on [REDACTED]. With agreement on these programs the Subcommittee has completed the initial examination and review of established programs will begin in January, at which time the Selected Briefs from the International Press and the exploitation program for scientific and technical publications will be considered.

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2. The Linguist Service received 403 visitors during the month and screened 1554 pages of foreign language material.

Reference to the CTS Index prevented 31 cases of duplication totaling 1010 pages.

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3. FDD prepared a special report on Contact Division support [redacted] which indicated that contributions through this source have increased almost threefold in the past year.

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4. Work was started on Project [redacted] for the DD/P Area. This involves the translation from German (and some Russian) of approximately 80,000 pages. A special overtime program has been devised with financial support supplied by FI to handle this requirement.

5. During the month the first of seven new FDD Summary series of scheduled reports were issued:

"Report on Overseas Chinese Activities in Southeast Asia" (semiquarterly)

"Monthly Information Report on [redacted] and Iran" 25X6

"Political, Economic, and Sociological Report on Thailand" (semiquarterly)

"Semiannual Report on USSR Republic Plan Fulfillment"

"Monthly Information Report on Arab States [redacted]" 25X6

"Monthly Information Report on Africa"

"Monthly Information Report on India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan"

6. A special report on "Reaction to the President's Economic Report to Congress, 28 January 1954" was prepared for the DD/P Area from a review of the world press.

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7. On 29 November, all personnel of the China sections of Far East Branch [redacted] persons) met in an all day session with all ORR branches which deal with China [redacted] persons) to discuss ORR needs and Far East Branch operations as program guidance to implement Subcommittee agreements under NSCID-16.

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8. Commendations:

From the [redacted] -- "The GDR Garrisoned People's Police" 25X1C

9. Liaison activities:

Department of State 25X6

With Division of Research for Far East to discuss State requirements on [redacted] as assistance in planning the scheduled FDD report on [redacted] 25X6

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With Division of Biographic Intelligence to discuss FDD Eastern European biographic coverage. [REDACTED], Eastern Europe Division, DD/P, and [REDACTED], Biographic Register, OCD, joined in the discussion. It was agreed that State, BR/CD, and EE/D would submit memoranda to FDD outlining their needs. A follow-up meeting is planned.

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With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe to discuss information needed for NIS studies on Bulgaria.

Department of the Army

25X1A With G-2, at the request of OCI, to discuss consumer reaction to the Eastern Europe military report. The OCI representatives were [REDACTED]. The reaction to the report was found to be satisfactory; several details in the coverage by FDD were worked out to the mutual satisfaction of all parties.

With Engineering Technical Intelligence Division, Army Map Service, to determine reaction to the FDD monthly report on USSR industrial equipment production. Satisfaction with the report was expressed; a similar conference will be held with Navy and Air to effect program guidance.

Department of the Air Force

With A-2 to furnish information on Soviet polar stations.

10. Significant reports:

FDD Translation No. 337 -- "Telemetry. Part I. Intensity Systems," 355 pages, illustrated. Applies to automatic controls in general and is applicable to controls of guided missiles.

FDD Summary No. 257 -- "Retail Trade in the USSR; Criticism of Soviet Trade Organization"

FDD Summary No. 266 -- "Organizational Information on Bulgarian Ministries and Other Government Agencies," supplements previous information published by FDD

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Enclosures: 2

Statistical Report on FDD Operations  
Details on Personnel Actions

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